

# DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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# INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: XXX	Complete:	_ Exploration:
Inspection Date &	Time: 201000	10:30a.m1:30p.m.
Date of La	st Inspection: <u>0</u>	1/24,26/2001

Mine Name: Horizon Mine	County: Carbon	Permit Number:	
Permittee and/or Operator's Name:	Lodestar Energy, Inc.		73
Business Address: HC 35 Box 370,	Helper, Utah 84526		
Type of Mining Activity: Undergroun		Prep. Plant _	Other
Company Official(s): Richard Richie	e		
State Official(s): Bill Malencik Fe	ederal Official(s): None	e	
Weather Conditions: Partly Cloudy,	Temp in 30's, Mine was	snow covered	
Existing Acreage: Permitted 317			Seeded
Status: Active XXX			

# REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
  - For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
  - For <u>partial inspections</u> check only the elements evaluated.
- 2. Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- 4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

		EVALUATED	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
1.	PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	[X]		[X]	П
2.	SIGNS AND MARKERS	[X]	$\overline{\square}$	[X]	$\Box$
3.	TOPSOIL	[X]		[X]	$\Box$
4.	HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:	. <del></del>			
	a. DIVERSIONS	[X]	П	[X]	$\Box$
	b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	[X]	П	[X]	
	c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	[X]		[X]	
	d. WATER MONITORING	[X]	$\Box$	[X]	П
	e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS		$\Box$	∐ .	
5.	EXPLOSIVES	<u>[X]</u>	П		
6.	DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	Ц	$\Box$		
7.	COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	[X]	$\Box$	[X]	П
8.	NONCOAL WASTE	[X]	П	П	$\Box$
9.	PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED				
	ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	$\Box$	$\Box$	$\Box$	$\Box$
10.	SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE				
11.	CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	$\Box$	$\Box$		
12.	BACKFILLING AND GRADING	· 🔟	$\Box$	П	$\Box$
13.	REVEGETATION			П	$\Box$
14.	SUBSIDENCE CONTROL		П	П	$\Box$
15.	CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	· []	$\Box$	$\Box$	$\Box$
16.	ROADS:				
	a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	$\Box$	$\Box$	П	$\Box$
	b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	$\Box$	$\Box$		$\Box$
17.	OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	$\Box$	$\Box$		
18.	SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	$\Box$	$\Box$	$\Box$	$\Box$
19.	AVS CHECK (4th Quarter- April, May, June)	$\overline{\square}$	$\Box$		$\Box$
	AIR QUALITY PERMIT	$\overline{\Box}$			$\coprod$
21.	BONDING & INSURANCE	- []	[]	П	П

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( COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE )

## **GENERAL COMMENTS**

Did a complete inspection of the Horizon Mine. The items that were discussed with Mr. Richie included: blocked ditch, sediment control diagram, and items in the coal pile. See numerical items listed below for details of discussion.

# 1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

When the new permit is issued on the federal lease, a copy must be on file at the Horizon mine.

The employees need a copy of the plan as provided in the coal rules. He needs this for the details in what he can and can not do at the Horizon Mine.

## 2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

The signs and markers on the Horizon Mine include an identification sign, permittee markers, stream buffer zone sign, and topsoil signs.

#### 3. TOPSOIL

The topsoil piles were covered with snow.

#### 4A. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

The diversion north of the fan was blocked with snow. Discussed this matter with Mr. Richie; he stated he would unblock the ditch immediately. The balance of the diversions are all in working order.

# 4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

The first quarter pond inspection has not been completed yet. The pond was not discharging. The pond bottom was barely covered.

## 4C. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

The previous report mentioned that snow was pushed over the embankment. This was in the Jewkes Creek and did not reach the stream. Snow must be treated similar to disturbed runoff. This was removed and placed in the snow storage area.

## 4D. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: WATER MONITORING

The water monitoring for the first quarter was not sampled as of the date of this inspection. The mine was discharging mine water. The reading on the pump gauge was 252,989 gallons.

The fourth quarter records were reported in the last inspection report.

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# 7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

Items on the coal pile included new blocks, timbers, and old electrical cables. These were in an area where the coal had been removed. Mr. Richie stated this is temporary and the items will be taken into the mine.

High ash coal pile is being shipped to Sunnyside Cogeneration Associates. Forty percent of the pile is still at Horizon.

Inspector's Signature:

Wm I Malencik

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Date: February 20, 2001

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining.

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